

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:

a fibrous reinforcement;

a friction modifier;

a binder; and

a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of  $\text{SiO}_2$  as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one of  $\text{CaO}$  and  $\text{MgO}$ , less than 10 wt% of at least one of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{ZrO}_2$ , and less than 2 wt% of at least one of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{FeO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , and wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of fibers having an average fiber diameter in a range of from 2  $\mu\text{m}$  to 9  $\mu\text{m}$  and an average fiber length in a range of from 100  $\mu\text{m}$  to 1,500  $\mu\text{m}$ .

2. (Original) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 1, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A non-asbestos friction material comprising:

a fibrous reinforcement;

a friction modifier;

a binder; and

a soluble amorphous substance mixed as friction material components, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is a composition composed of  $\text{SiO}_2$  as a principal component, 18 to 40 wt% of at least one of  $\text{CaO}$  and  $\text{MgO}$ , less than 10 wt% of at least one of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  and  $\text{ZrO}_2$ , and less than 2 wt% of at least one of  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{FeO}$ ,  $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ , and wherein the soluble amorphous substance is formed of grains having an average grain size in a range of from 2  $\mu\text{m}$  to 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

7. (Previously Presented) The non-asbestos friction material according to Claim 6, wherein the soluble amorphous substance is mixed in a range of from 1 wt% to 30 wt% of a total of said friction material.